HOW TO VIEW A NCTC WEBCAST

In order to make our programming available to sites without FWS satellite access, the National Conservation Training Center simulcasts selected satellite broadcasts via an internet based "webcast" (video delivered via the internet). If your computer already has Real Player or Windows Media Player installed, just follow the "how to view" instructions below. The quality of any webcast will vary depending on the speed of your connection & computer. If you have access to an lcd projector, please consider hosting a group session for your office rather than viewing on individual computers. This will help conserve bandwidth and encourage group discussion. You may want to ask your IT or AV staff to assist with the initial, one-time, setup. Please note, the webcast option is provided for sites that do not have access to a satellite downlink. If available, please use a FWS or NPS satellite downlink site as your first choice. A list of FWS & NPS downlink sites is found at: http://distancelearning.fws.gov/

How to view the webcast:

During the broadcast/webcast test time, (30 mins prior to program) click on the appropriate link for your player.

Real Player: http://www.cet.edu/ntv/live.ram

Windows Media Player: mms://pe4.cet.edu/wmtencoder/live.wmv

Participants Guide: Instructor's PowerPoint slides are available for printing at: http://distancelearning.fws.gov/sch_events.htm

What you need to do in advance of the webcast date:

A high speed internet connection is required to view a webcast. Dial up phone modem connections do not have sufficient bandwidth to receive audio and video. You'll need a t-1 line, cable modem, dsl, satellite, isdn or similar fast connection. You'll also need the free Real Player or Windows Media Player installed on your computer along with speakers or headphones. (see below). Most newer computers have the necessary sound card and processor to handle audio and video.

If your pc has Windows installed, the Media Player is most likely installed as well. If you don't have the Windows Player, you can download and install the free Real Player from: http://www.real.com/freeplayer/?rppr=rnwk

Please allow approximately 30 – 60 minutes to download and install Real Player. This is a one time installation. Hint: when installing, de-select any check boxes that will send you more information (advertisements) via e-mail.